GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NEW PASSPORT OFFICES PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS
Kaswan Shri Rahul

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy for opening new passport offices/Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any requests have been received from the States to open more passport offices/PSKs;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether there is any proposal to open passport offices/PSKs in various States including Rajasthan; and

(f) if so, the time by which these passport offices/PSKs are likely to be made functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFEXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. RETD. V.K. SINGH)

(a) & (b) The Government's approach has been to set up Passport Offices/Passport Seva Kendras(PSKs) across all States. As part of the Passport Seva Project (PSP), a Mission Mode Project, implemented by the Government with a view to comprehensively overhaul passport issuance system, 77 Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs), as per Annexure I, have been set up and operationalised as extended arms of the existing 37 Passport Offices across the country.

(c) & (d) Yes. The details of requests received from the State/UT Governments for opening more Passport Offices/PSKs are enclosed. (Annexure II).

(e) & (f) At present, there is no proposal to open any more Passport Offices/PSKs in the country.